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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

To: Members of the staff

From: The Under-Secretary-General for Administration and Management

Subject: HOST COUNTRY TRAVEL REGULATIONS*

1. The Secretariat has received from the United States Mission to the United Nations a note verbale dated 10 January 1994, advising it of the removal of all restrictions on travel in the United States by staff members of Romanian nationality.

2. The Secretariat of the United Nations, in its reply of 17 January 1994, welcomed this decision by the host country. However, since travel restrictions continue to remain in force with respect to staff members of certain other nationalities, the Secretariat reiterated its well-known position of principle concerning the restrictive and discriminatory treatment of United Nations staff solely on the basis of their nationality.

3. Copies of the two notes verbales are set out in annexes I and II to the present circular.

4. The existing arrangements for official travel will remain unchanged and will be made in the usual manner.

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Annex I

NOTE VERBALE DATED 10 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARIAT

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the United Nations and has the honour to inform it of changes in procedural requirements for travel in the United States.

Effective immediately all Romanian employees of the United Nations and their dependants will enjoy unrestricted travel within the United States. In practice this means that these individuals will no longer be required to submit notification of travel beyond the 25-mile radius of Columbus Circle in New York City.

Annex II

NOTE VERBALE DATED 17 JANUARY 1994 FROM THE SECRETARIAT ADDRESSED TO THE UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

The Secretariat of the United Nations presents its compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to the latter's note verbale of 10 January 1994 informing the United Nations of changes in procedural requirements for travel in the United States by United Nations staff members of Romanian nationality.

It is noted that "effective immediately all Romanian employees of the United Nations and their dependants will enjoy unrestricted travel within the United States", which in practice means that "these individuals will no longer be required to submit notification of travel beyond the 25-mile radius of Columbus Circle in New York City".

The Secretariat of the United Nations welcomes this decision by the United States. However, in view of the fact that travel restrictions continue to be in force with respect to staff members of certain other nationalities, the United Nations is obliged to reiterate its well-known position of principle concerning the restrictive and discriminatory treatment of its staff solely on the basis of their nationality. The Secretariat of the United Nations wishes to express the hope that all remaining travel restrictions will be removed by the host country as soon as possible.

The existing arrangements regarding official travel by United Nations personnel in the United States remain unchanged and will be made in the usual manner.